



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: WATER-COOLED VERTICAL ENGINE AND OUTBOARD MOTOR EQUIPPED
THEREWITH

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. BOX 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: March 17, 2005

Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action dated September 17, 2004, the period to respond being extended three (3) months from December 17, 2004 to March 17, 2005 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time.

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